

# SANDRA SHANNON INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT OF COUNTY COWBELLES



NEWLY INSTALLED officers of the Tulare County CowBelles, from left: Mesdames Evelyn Beck, standing in for Kay Snyder, Terra Bella, director; Barbara Chrisman, Visalia, vice president; Iris Klein, California Hot Springs, director; Sandra Shannon, Porterville, president; Roxie Martinez, Strathmore, director; Esther Lowe, Porterville, treasurer; Claudia Guthrie, Porterville, secretary; Pearl Shannon, Tulare, director; and Clara Rutherford, Porterville, installing officer. (Farm Tribune photo)

## BETTY GILL RECEIVES GIFT AFTER SERVING TWO YEARS

PORTERVILLE — Sandra Shannon, of Porterville, was installed as president of the Tulare County CowBelles at a luncheon meeting of the organization held Friday at Don's Hillside Inn, succeeding Betty Gill, also of Porterville, who had headed the CowBelles for two years.

Other new officers seated were: Barbara Chrisman, Visalia, vice president; Claudia Guthrie, Porterville, secretary; Esther Lowe, Porterville, treasurer; and Kay Snyder, Terra Bella; Iris Klein, California Hot Springs; Pearl Shannon, Tulare; and Roxie Martinez, Strathmore, directors.

Installing officer was Clara Rutherford, of Porterville, a past president, who used a well-known CowBelle recipe for beef stew as the theme.

Mrs. Gill was presented with a Redwood carving by Willard Choate, of Springville, depicting a beef cow and calf; the presentation was made by Mrs. Buford Reamer, of Springville, a County CowBelle director.

Other directors of the organization are: Mesdames Harvey Harrell, Visalia; Claude Paregian, Visalia; Roy Sharp, Tulare; and Kenneth Beck, Tipton.

CowBelle members voted to again serve lunch for the Jackass Mail that will run from Porterville to Springville April 7.

Major program of the CowBelle organization at county, state and national levels is the promotion of the sale of beef. Tulare County

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## ELEVEN EMPTY CHAIRS AT SPRINGVILLE

SPRINGVILLE — Idea of the Tuesday-night meeting was to rejuvenate the Springville chamber of commerce by electing 11 new directors and a new set of officers, but:

There are 11 empty chairs waiting to be filled.

Only 25 people attended the public meeting held in the Memorial building; consensus of opinion seemed to be that Springville needs a chamber of commerce, but "no one wants to do the work."

Actually, six Springville residents attending the meeting said they would be willing to serve on the chamber board and

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Harold Zahl Writes Again  
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## FLYING TO THE INAUGURATION OF HER NEPHEW - THE PRESIDENT



AUNT JANE BEESON, left, of Strathmore, was off to Washington, D.C. yesterday to see her nephew, Richard Nixon, officially start his second term as president of the United States and to participate in events of the Inauguration. Travelling with her, by plane, is Mildred Fink, right, of Lindsay, a cousin of the President. Nixon lived with the Beesons for several months when he was a boy, attending the Sunnyside elementary school and taking piano lessons from Aunt Jane. (Farm Tribune photo)

## MANAGER OF SHOE SHINE PARLOR WORKING TO CRASH YANKEE LINEUP

PORTERVILLE — If John Williams Jr. plays baseball like he shines shoes, he's a cinch to crash the New York Yankee lineup - which is his greatest ambition at the moment.

Manager of Ferguson's Shoe Shine Parlor in Porterville, Williams flashes a smile that is big and friendly, then hustles out a shoe shine job that looks like a coating of mirror glass when he finishes.

And it's that hustle that Williams believes will be a big factor in getting him to the top in major league baseball competition.

"There are a lot of good young ball players in the country today," he says. "There isn't room in the majors for all of us, so I'm depending on hard work, hustle, and maybe a break at the right time - but most of all work and hustle."

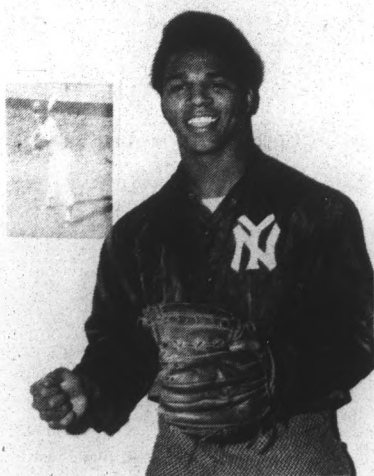
Williams, who was signed out of Tulare Union High school in 1971 as the fourth pick of the Yankees, leaves for spring training at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in March. He expects to play this year in the Florida State League, which he says is "Middle Class A ball."

Four days after graduating

from Tulare high he was playing ball in the Yankee farm system at Johnson City, Tennessee. After two seasons there in right field he is hitting .322.

In high school, Williams, who

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JOHN WILLIAMS Jr. is managing Ferguson's Shoe Shine Parlor in Porterville now, but he's aiming for something bigger - the lineup of the New York Yankees who signed him in 1971 out of Tulare Union High school. Photo on wall is of Williams in a Yankee farm club uniform. (Farm Tribune photo)

## Chamber Banquet Tickets On Sale

PORTERVILLE — General public tickets went on sale this week for the 66th annual banquet of the Porterville chamber of commerce that will feature the Techtochali Folkloric ballet from Ensenada, Mexico and a tribute to Porterville's new sister city, La Barca, Mexico.

Tickets are available from chamber directors and at the Porterville chamber office.

The banquet, set for the evening of February 3 in the Monache High School Campus center, will also feature music by Buck Shaffer and the Fabulous Studio band, and announcement of man, woman, and organization of the year.

## "Y" CAMPAIGN OPENS FEBRUARY 1; MYRON CORWIN IS CHAIRMAN

PORTERVILLE — Membership campaign to meet the Porterville area's 1973 YMCA budget of \$6,000 will be launched February 1 under the general chairmanship of Myron Corwin, manager of the Standard Register plant in Porterville.

Working with Corwin in

## CANDIDATES INVITED TO COMPETE FOR '73 COUNTY MAID OF COTTON

PORTERVILLE — Girls between 19 and 23 years of age who have never been married are being invited to participate in the 1973 selection of a Tulare County Maid of Cotton.

Deadline for filing candidate application forms is February 9; selection of the County Maid of Cotton is set for the evening of February 17 at the Tulare Elks lodge dining room in Tulare.

Handling the selection formalities are members of the Tulare County Cotton Wives Auxiliary, with full information and entry forms available from Mesdames Clarence Valine, 784-2642; Homer Smartt, 784-6337; or Joseph Valine, 784-4835, all of Porterville.

Qualifications and policy, in addition to age and marriage, require that candidates for the title have never been finalists in

a Tulare County Maid of Cotton selection; candidates must be photogenic; at least five feet five and one-half inches tall without

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## SAFETY-HEALTH ACT SEMINAR JANUARY 30

Seminar on the federal Occupational Safety and Health act will be presented for Porterville chamber of commerce members in Gang Sue's Jade room, January 30, 6 p.m. by Don C. Beaver, executive director of the Northern California Grocers' Assn. Reservations, at \$3.50 per person, are being taken at the Porterville chamber office; OSHA is the toughest safety and health law ever passed.

## WANTED - QUEEN AND ATTENDANTS FOR SPRINGVILLE-SIERRA RODEO

SPRINGVILLE — A queen and two attendants are being sought for the Springville-Sierra rodeo that will be staged April 14-15 in the Springville rodeo arena, with unmarried girls between the ages of 16 and 21 years eligible to compete for the titles.

Mary Baker and Cinda Peterson, co-chairmen of the queen contest, state that judging

will be on a basis of horsemanship, 50 percent; personality, 20 percent; and sale of special tickets, 30 percent. All contestants retain 25 percent of the proceeds from their ticket sales.

The Springville-Sierra rodeo queen will receive a hand-tooled, western saddle, a trophy, a silver belt buckle, a rose bouquet and

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## City Of Hope Spectacular Acts To Be Auditioned February 20

PORTERVILLE — Audition of performers who are seeking a spot in the 1973 City of Hope Spectacular has been set for Tuesday, February 20, 7 p.m., in the Porterville Memorial auditorium.

All interested persons are invited to try out for the 11th annual stage production sponsored by the Porterville City of Hope Auxiliary and directed by Buck Shaffer.

A panel of judges will select the acts for the show, based on the following criteria: Talent, showmanship, appearance, communication to audience, and professional conduct both on and off the stage.

Each act will be allowed a maximum of three minutes for its presentation; no accompanists will be provided so each act must provide its own; tape and record reproduction equipment will be available; the audition must be done in

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specific segments of the community will be: Tom Van Groningen, schools; Dick Hatfield, industries, business and agriculture; Bob Bray, Porterville State hospital; and Paul Perkins, special gifts.

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## Editorial Comment

### WHAT CAN THE MATTER BE?

The Strathmore chamber of commerce has gone out of business.

The Springville chamber of commerce is making an effort to rejuvenate, but on the basis of attendance at a public meeting Tuesday night, future of the Springville chamber appears to be in doubt.

So, what can the matter be?

What's happening in the unincorporated communities? We suggest a major factor is what might be called the ending of an era that started after World War II when most communities felt a surge toward development and progress, and when chambers of commerce were recognized as one logical medium through which development could be encouraged.

Today, the young people who started beating the drums 25 years ago are among the older people, and they're getting tired. They're ready to turn things over to the "new generation," but today's young people are saying, "No thanks. We're not interested."

In the Springville situation there is another factor. More and more people from other areas are moving into the Springville country, many of them retired or semi-retired. They have "found their place in heaven" and now that they're located, they want to keep the country "just as it is," they don't want development. So they don't want an organization such as a chamber of commerce that encourages development.

But change is going to come; development will continue; people are going to appear and settle down.

Essentially, the value of a small-town chamber of commerce is that through a united community voice, and through cooperation with other chambers, the pattern of community development and change can be beneficially influenced.

What Strathmore and Springville need now is a burst of youthful enthusiasm, just like they received 25 years ago - but youthful enthusiasm requires enthusiasm by youth.

Perhaps therein lies the basic answer to "What can the matter be."

### HST AND THE HOT KITCHEN

Probably the most memorable of Harry Truman's many Missouri-brusk statements was his admonition to would-be politicians, and people in general: "If you can't stand the heat you should get out of the kitchen."

The gutsy little president stayed in the kitchen.

He turned U.S. foreign policy into a new direction with his Truman Doctrine to aid smaller nations hard pressed by Communism. It led logically to NATO.

He ramrodded the Marshall Plan.

He pulled the trigger on the atomic bombs.

He fired the immortal Douglas MacArthur.

He broke with enormously popular father-figure Dwight Eisenhower.

He called a music critic an SOB for panning daughter Margaret's vocal ambitions, and execution.

He took the heat along with the accolades, and earned a niche in presidential history that may well be enlarged in retrospect as the years lend new perspective to his career in the White House.

One reason Harry Truman appealed to so many of his fellow citizens was that he was a "typical" little politician. His election to the Senate came as the result of a casual local ploy by his mentor, Kansas City's Boss Pendergast, who wanted someone else in the local organization post to which Truman aspired.

His nomination was a surprise force play by the dying Roosevelt, who told the Democratic Party chief if the Senator wouldn't take the Veep nomination he could take the blame for destroying the party. To which Harry muttered, "OK, but if that's the way he felt why in hell didn't he tell me?"

When his time as leader of the nation was over, Harry and Bess Truman packed up and went back to Missouri. Among his parting words was a pretty good epitaph: "I did what had to be done. I don't care a hoot what history says about me. I know what I have done, and that is enough."



WANTED — Eleven Springville Citizens To Fill These Vacant Springville Chamber of Commerce Directors' Chairs. For Full Information, See Dick Coon at Springville Hardware.

## Political Parade

By CLEM WHITAKER, JR.

"The generation gap between the citizens of Santa Cruz County and the campus of the University of California Santa Cruz appears to be far more political than social if the vote in the General Election is a criteria."

So states the Santa Cruz Sentinel in a provocative editorial summarizing the vote of the students and faculty at three campus precincts and comparing that vote with the vote of the county as a whole.

The three campus precincts cited voted as a monolithic block and quite at variance with the total vote.

Pointing up the block vote phenomenon, the Sentinel reports:

"For example, Senator George McGovern received 94.5 percent of the votes cast at the three UCSC precincts, Democratic candidate for Congress Julian Camacho did even better, getting 97.25 percent of the campus vote while Democratic candidate for state senate, Suzanne Paizis, received 91.4 percent and Democrat Henry Faltz received 94.96 percent of the vote for assembly."

If this is the academically freed, intellectually independent wave of the future the pundits have been chattering about for some time, someone either figured out how to rig either the voting procedures or the kids' minds.

The Sentinel then compares voting on key local and state issues with the same result. On the highly contested state issues, the Sentinel reports the following:

Proposition 14 (the Watson property tax initiative): 10.67 percent of those in the campus precincts favored it against 29.9 percent in the county as a whole.

Proposition 15 (state employees' pay): 64.24 percent "yes" on campus compared with 33.5 percent "yes" throughout the county.

Proposition 17 (restore the death penalty): 5.75 percent "yes" on campus against 60.6 percent "yes" in the county.

Proposition 19 (marijuana): On campus the vote was 96.24 percent yes, throughout the county it was 39.6 percent "yes."

Proposition 20 (coastal initiative). On campus 98.68 percent said "yes" and in the county as a whole 58.9 per-

## CALIFORNIA SPEAKS

BOB HOPE, addressing Calif. convention of American Bar Assn. — "I've never seen so many guys who deserved to be on the bench since I owned the Cleveland Indians."

PIERRE RHEIN, S.F. airline exec., civic leader — "A sign of maturity is not only knowing what you like and don't like, but also knowing how not to do the things you don't like."

PETER M. FLANIGAN, Presidential aide for International Economic Affairs, in Calif. speech — "Whatever progress is made in the area of trade, either with the new markets of the Communist world or with our traditional free market trading partners, it has more than an economic meaning; it must be seen as part of the 'web of vested interests' that leads to world stability."

JIM BROWN, ex grid star, Hollywood actor — "The cause thing has always been a big thing for Hollywood stars to call attention to themselves. Everything Jane Fonda's said has been said 100 times."

DAVID N. PLANT, retired SF hotel exec., civic leader — "The only trouble with 'retirement' is that there never seems to be enough time to get everything done."

cent said "yes."

The Sentinel reports that the "percentage of voting on campus was 83.98 percent, and 83.7 percent throughout the county."

Obviously all college precincts in the state would have to be analyzed against the counties in which they were situated to draw any meaningful conclusion. But it isn't hard to figure out why in local elections in areas including campus voters strange and wondrous results could be forthcoming.

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## Empty Chairs

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others who were not present had previously indicated they would serve, but with the small turnout for the meeting, a decision was reached to "try again for a large gathering at which more people would have a voice in the selection of board members."

Date for this second community-wide meeting was set for Monday night, February 5; Chamber President Dick Coon said "If no more show up than did tonight, we'll have to give it up."

At a previous meeting of current chamber directors to which a number of chamber members and non-members were invited, decision was reached to completely reorganize the Springville chamber, changing the number of directors from nine to 11, and electing new directors and new officers.

The rejuvenation election was to have been held Tuesday night at what had been hoped would be a well-attended meeting.

Difference of opinions expressed in the Springville community over a long period of time concerning some of the chamber activities led to the decision to completely reorganize.

As a sampling of opinions expressed at the Tuesday meeting:

"People who holler the loudest should be at this meeting and get their own feet in the mud."

"It's not the bad weather that cut attendance. If it isn't the weather it's something else."

"Do something to rub someone the wrong way and you'll get an attendance."

"If we go ahead tonight and elect a new board, there would be a recall in two weeks."

Present directors of the Springville chamber are: Coon, Bob Werner, Pete Ostrander, Vic Oederkirk, Henry Brown, J.B. Gibson, Woody Hannam, Ted Schorr, and Bill Johnson.

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## Farm Workers In California Among Highest Paid In Nation, Survey Shows

SACRAMENTO — California's farm laborers are among the highest paid in the nation, according to a study conducted by the State Department of Agriculture last year.

Agriculture Director C.B. Christensen explained that at the time of the study, the state's farm workers were getting an average per-hour rate of \$2.44. The highest average of \$2.91 per hour went to field workers doing piece work, while those paid by the hour averaged \$2.22.

"For the nation as a whole," Christensen said, "average per-hour pay for all farm workers was \$1.97. Washington State, which often ranks close to California in farm wages, averaged \$2.35 per hour. Oregon's rate was \$2.09, Idaho's was \$2.03, and Texas averaged \$1.66 per hour."

Machine operators in California received an average of

\$2.47 per hour, maintenance and bookkeeping workers \$2.62, and supervisors, \$3.51.

Although several states compete with California in the production of some crops, California generally pays higher wages and has more fringe benefits for its farm workers, he added.

These benefits include Workmen's Compensation for workers who are injured or become ill on the job, child labor laws, a minimum wage law, and wage payment and collection laws.

California is also the only state that provides temporary disability insurance for its farm workers. A worker who becomes ill or is injured on the job is entitled to cash benefits ranging from \$25 to \$105 per week, plus an additional \$12 per day in hospital benefits if he is disabled.

## FRANK LATTA WILL BE HONORED BY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VISALIA — Frank Latta, noted historian who formerly taught at Porterville and Tulare high schools, will be honored at annual meeting of the Tulare County Historical society, Saturday, January 20, 7 p.m. in the Visalia Elks lodge dining room.

The public is invited to attend; dinner reservations, at \$4.25 per plate, should be made with the Tulare County Historical society, P.O. Box 295, Visalia, 93277.

Latta, now retired and living at Pescadero, has collected historical artifacts throughout his life and has written a number of historical books and articles, much of his writing based on actual interviews with "old

timers" and with Indians of the southern Joaquin valley.

At present he is working on new material he has discovered relating to the legendary bandit, Joaquin Murietta.

Prior to the evening program the Historical society will hold a brief business session, and a nominating committee will present a slate of officers for the coming year.

## FREEZE DAMAGE \$51 MILLION IN STATE

SACRAMENTO — A county-by-county tally by the State Department of Agriculture reveals that nearly \$51 million in damage was done to California agriculture during the December 1972 freeze.

Hardest hit, reports State Agriculture Director C.B. Christensen, was the citrus crop with approximately \$42.7 million - or 20 percent of the crop - damaged. However, according to the department's Crop and Livestock Reporting service, 1972 had prospects of being a bumper year, and this will partially offset the loss caused by the freeze.

Flowers and nursery stock suffered a \$6.4 million loss, and vegetables, primarily artichokes, cauliflower, and broccoli, were affected in the amount of \$1.8 million. Most of the damage to these crops was in the central coast area of the state.

Christensen said that the heaviest damage occurred in the San Joaquin Valley with \$41.4 million in losses reported. The central coast area reports \$8.3 million in damage, and the Sacramento Valley area, \$1.2 million.

The county most affected was Tulare. It reports total agricultural losses to the freeze of \$27.5 million. Next was Fresno with \$8.9 million, and San Mateo with \$3.3 million. Marin, Santa Cruz, and Monterey counties all reported



WINNERS IN the recently-completed Charity Awards program, sponsored by Mineral King Savings and Loan association, were the Porterville Chapter of the American Field Service and the Vandalia 4-H club. Shown receiving checks from Porterville branch manager, Loren Schmid, are, from left, Bill Bennett, president of, and Loretta Scranton, leader of the Vandalia club, \$350; and Elma Longley, president of the Porterville American Field Service chapter, \$750. At right is Isabelle Hostachy, from Lyon, France, American Field Service student this year at Porterville

High school. Points in the Mineral King Charity Awards program are earned by savings depositors designating an organization over a three-month period. (Edwards Studio photo)



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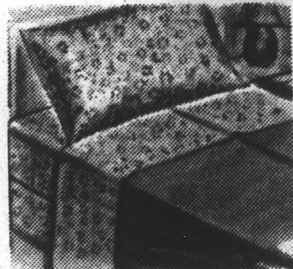
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## SUCCESS VALLEY 4-H TO WORK ON HEART SUNDAY

By Vicky Wardlaw

**SUCCESS VALLEY** — The January meeting of the Success Valley 4-H club was called to order by President Rhett Mason. Staci Ballard led the flag salute, and Emiley Sigala the 4-H pledge.

Alan Gill reported on the Christmas caroling at Villa Manor. Joining Alan were members: Garrett Florer, Gaylene Florer, Tracy Gill, Bobby Gill, Vicky Wardlaw, Keith Wilson, and Lezlie Crew. Guest, Dianna Gill, also joined the group.

Emiley Sigala reported on the Veterinary Science meeting, and Tracy Gill on the beef meeting.

Mrs. Ballard invited club members to Alta Vista School, Wednesday, January 17, at 4:00 p.m. for a demonstration on mouth to mouth resuscitation, to be presented by the fire department. All members are urged to attend.

Chairman for the Educational Tour will be Alan Gill, the tour will be held in April, and a progress report will be given at the next meeting. Teresa King will be in charge of the lunch stop on the tour.

Success Valley will join with others in collecting donations for Heart Sunday. Chairman for the event is Emiley Sigala.

The meeting was adjourned, and refreshments were served by Teresa King, and Bobby and Alan Gill.

## VALLEY NITROGEN SHOWS INCOME GAIN

**FRESNO** — Valley Nitrogen Producers has reported that a projected loss of \$1.2 million for the 1972 fiscal year has been turned into a net profit of \$466,000 on gross sales of \$41,700,000.

## Livestock Head-Day Tax Deadline Feb. 15

**VISALIA** — Jack L. Depew, Tulare county tax collector-treasurer, has reminded livestock owners of the deadline for payment of the livestock head-day tax for the period from July 1, 1972, to December 31, 1972.

A livestock report must be submitted together with the tax payment by February 15, at the office of the Tulare County Tax

Collector or postmarked not later than February 15th to avoid the 46% penalty, Depew says. The law applies to individuals who own livestock (beef cattle and sheep) regardless of the number held as well as to the commercial livestock operators.

Forms for the report have been mailed to livestock owners of record by the county assessor. Those who did not receive any forms or who need additional forms should contact the county assessor. For any questions concerning the livestock report, an individual should contact the tax collector's office.

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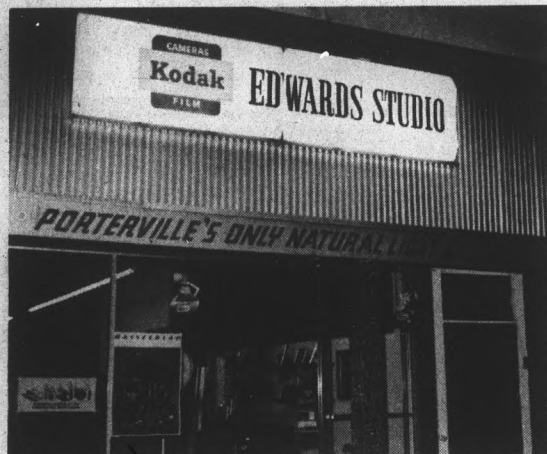
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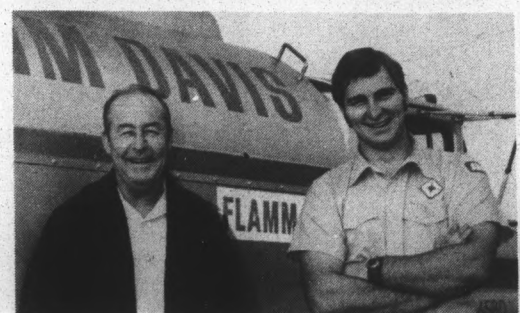


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## "Yes SIR" I Said

By Harold A. Zahl

My recent story "Angels of Yesteryear" which appeared in November and December issues of The Farm Tribune, brought many comments to me, even though 3000 miles separates my typewriter from most of the reading audience. Most of them were favorable, and none of them contained the word "senility." So here comes another esoteric cogitation. Again I look back 50 years - for the most part, the locale centers around happenings in P.U.H.S.

My story starts in the late Spring of 1923. I believe it was in the month of May, and I know it was a school day. A number of us lads thought it was just too hot for study, and the high Sierras beckoned.

I believe it was Willis Lambdin who had a car available, and with very little persuasion, a group was formed with an objective of leaving the hot valley and to make an inspection of how the snow line stood at Camp Wishon. My best recollection is that the group was made up of Willis, Tom Craig, Marion Strain, myself - and I am not sure whether the fifth member was Jack Baker or Everett Sprague (this gives one or the other a chance to deny). If the reader wishes to question the veracity of the remarks which follow, let him-or-her look to the 1923 El Granito yearbook, which carries a few pictures of the expedition.

As far as that day was concerned, we had a perfect outing. We threw snowballs at each other, and even swam in a snow-bordered pool, as the trout therein gazed at us in amazement - or should I say amusement.

Returning home late in the afternoon, Willis failed to see the 15 mile per hour sign as we passed through Springville. He zoomed through at 20 miles per hour and an alert resident phoned into Porterville telling the entire one-man police force that a speeder was headed that way. Somehow or another, we escaped the dragnet put out. The car was safely parked in a garage, and later we were a bit amused to learn that a search was underway for a speeding car carrying five boys. I believe that particular case remains as unsolved in the records of the Porterville Police department.

But one thing we had forgotten. The day we had selected for all this fun was a cadet drill day. You recall, following the close of World War I, it became national policy that never again should this Country find itself unprepared, so the ROTC was formed in colleges. Going even further, an organization known as the High School Cadets took shape in many states - sort of a training ground for those who would later go to college and join the ROTC.

Porterville High had such a unit, and training was mandatory for all physically

capable boys, during the last class period on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Our PMS&T was D.R. Lightner, during most of the school day a math teacher, after school a football coach in the Fall, but during the last class period on drill days, he became a hard-boiled World War I combat-experienced Lieutenant in the Infantry - and there was no foolishness!

To Professor Lightner, we were guilty of playing hooky from his math classes; but to Lieut. Lightner, USA (ORC), we were guilty of being AWOL from drill, a far more serious charge - and we were all officers in the Cadet Corps.

On the next drill day, the five of us were summoned to his office and we learned a bit more about the word combination "Court-Martial." We each pleaded guilty, and then awaited sentence - the Court consisting of one officer, Lieut. D.R. Lightner.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I have weighed the evidence. This Court finds you guilty of being AWOL from drill the day before yesterday. I will give you your choice, one of two sentences: first, you could elect to serve at hard labor for the next three consecutive Saturdays, working on our new rifle range pit; or second, memorize the Infantry Drill Regulations - pick one."

We all knew that the IDR was a book over one-half inch thick and contained some 50,000 words. Most of us were quite familiar with the technique of shovelling and disliked memorizing (that was for girls).

Personally, I liked neither and flipped a coin to determine my sentence. It came up IDR; the other lads selected the shovel. I studied hard for a month, and on the quiz was able to recite verbatim, any part of the lengthy regulations.

In September of that year, I entered North Central college in Naperville, Illinois, where at the time, they had ROTC. The first two years of the course were mandatory and offered no compensation; the advanced course was optional and offered about 70c per day, enough to buy two good meals in those days. With four years of training in the California High School Cadets behind me, I wondered whether it would be possible for me to skip the unpaid first two years, and move directly into the advanced course leading to a commission in the Infantry, after graduation and summer training at a regular Army post.

To determine this possibility, I presented myself to the PMS&T, saluted sharply, and requested permission to speak with him. The particular officer, I believe a Captain Hutchinson, was a career soldier in the Infantry, and World War I combat-oriented. He was stern-faced, and as I later found out, thought that Fort Benning, Georgia, was the real capital of the United States. I explained my situation to him, and as I

talked, a slight grin started appearing on his face. I could see that as I spoke of my commission as a Captain in the High School Cadet Corps, in his mind, he was thinking more along the lines of merit badges I might have been awarded in the Cub Scouts.

"Alright Mr. Zahl," he said, now starting to enjoy the moment, "you claim that you have the qualifications to be an officer in the advanced ROTC course. Sit down and let me ask you a few questions."

I sat down and he picked up a copy of the Infantry Drill Regulations. Like shrapnel exploding, for 20 minutes he fired questions at me. Always I was able to reply with a wording exactly as it appeared in the IDR. The smile of the Captain, which before had carried a trace of amusement, was changed to one of amazement and admiration.

"That's enough Zahl," he said, "or let me put it Lieut. Zahl. You've made it. Report in with the officers."

"Yes SIR!" I said, and left the room after giving him what was probably the smartest salute he had ever received in his career as a soldier!

The morale to my story is not that crime pays, but once in a while, playing hooky does. I was commissioned a 2nd Lieut. in the U.S. Army Infantry Reserve Corps in the summer of 1925, only two years after graduation from high school.

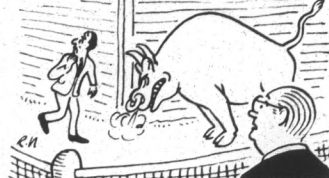
## FOX TROTS AND WALTZES AT DANCE CLUB

PORTERVILLE - Fox trots, waltzes, two steps and other popular dances of past years are the feature of the recently organized Thursday Night Dance club that meets each Thursday, 7 p.m. until 10:30 p.m., in the Porterville high school cafeteria.

At the first dance, about 60 persons attended, with music by the Country Cousins. This band will return for the dance next Thursday evening, January 25.

Anyone interested is invited to attend. Persons from Porterville, Visalia, Tulare, Springville and Exeter have already "joined up."

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GROUND WAS broken last week at Villa and Putnam for a 19,845 foot medical center, being constructed for the Sequoia Medical corporation, a management and service corporation designed to bring together the functions of medical and paramedical professionals in one center. Building contractor is Sierra Construction; architect is Walter Vogel and Associates; financing the project is the American National bank. Officers of the corporation are Drs. Patrick Nelson, president; Robert Crane, vice president; Wilbur Stover, secretary; and Jude Hayes, treasurer. Other stockholders are Drs. Ralph Bell, Hugo Escobar, Lowell Hughes, Marvin Lykins, Phil Moore, Charles Taylor, and Mike Wise; also Physiotherapist Donald MacLaren. In photo, from left: Dr. Stover, Bob and Archie Haywood, of Sierra construction; Drs. Moore and Nelson; Vogel; and Ed. Valliere, Porterville city manager.

(Farm Tribune photo)

Sugar beet growers from Red Bluff to Calexico will attend 42nd annual meeting of the California Beet Growers' association in San Diego, February 1-2.

A record 62,275 Californians, 23,914 of them adults, received hunter safety training through 3,000 volunteer instructors under auspices of the State Department of Fish and Game during 1972.

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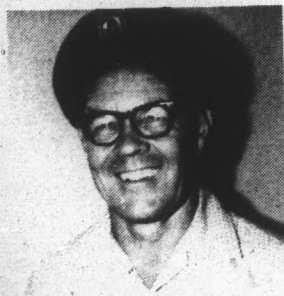
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## THE WEATHER IN 1972

The following is a report from the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Weather service, Fresno, where Thomas R. Crossan is the meteorologist in charge:

The weather of 1972 was characterized by two frosts, one in the spring following unusually high temperatures and one in December. The March frost set new record low temperatures of 31 degrees and 33 degrees on the 27th and 28th, the freeze in December did not set any extreme records.

There was also a frost in October; a 27 degree minimum on the 30th set a new record lowest temperature for the month, and also for so early in the season.

In the agricultural areas the December freeze was probably the worst ever for December, but it is well-removed from the worst all-time freeze; citrus crops sustained considerable damage.

The spring freeze may have been the most severe for the deciduous crops. The one in October did little damage to crops as most had been harvested at that time.

Rainfall during 1972 was far from normal. The early months of the year had considerably less than normal precipitation. About 2 inches less than normal each month until April, then 1 inch below; even May had only half of normal: .15 of an inch. This following almost a normal fall resulted in a season (July through June) precipitation a very small amount. It was not a record low, however.

Rainfall during the fall months of 1972 has been higher than normal, but this was not enough to bring the yearly total to even a normal amount: 7.47" for 1972

compared to the normal of 11.14".

January set several temperature records in addition to the freezes, including the lowest average monthly maximum temperature in the 85 years of record. The average (highest and lowest for each day added together and the sum divided by two) January temperature was the second lowest on record.

On the 18th of March the 90 degrees set a new record high for the month as well as for that date. The 88 degrees on the 16th was also the highest for that date. The frost of the 27th and 28th of March gave the new records of 31 degrees and 33 degrees for those dates.

October 30th saw a 27 degree minimum. This is the coldest ever recorded in October and for so early in the season simultaneously. December saw another type of record set; the maximum temperature of 32 degrees on the 13th was the coldest maximum recorded for any day in the complete record. The 32 degrees on the 14th tied it.

There were 181 days with clear skies during 1972, with 81 days classified as partly cloudy while there were 104 cloudy days. There were 51 days with heavy fog, and this is somewhat above normal. There were 3344.1 hours of sunshine, which is 75 percent of that possible. The fastest wind speed for the year was 32 miles per hour from the northwest on June 9th. The average wind for the year was 6.7 miles per hour.

## '72 Cotton Crop Shows Increase Of 57 Percent

SACRAMENTO — California cotton production is estimated at 1,750,000 bales of Upland and 400 bales of American-Pima in 1972. This is 57 percent greater than the 1971 crop, according to the California Crop and Livestock Reporting service. Lint yield per acre is estimated at 977 pounds compared with 723 pounds in 1971 and 841 in 1970.

Growers are picking as fast as possible to complete harvest of the remaining small acreage. Rain and fog continues to delay field operations and cotton lint quality has been reduced. Shredding and disking continued in harvested fields.

## REPORTS HEARD AT VANDALIA 4-H MEETING

By Katherine Homer

VANDALIA — Bill Bennett, president, presided at January meeting of the Vandalia 4-H club; the flag salute was led by Amy Ward and Mary Bowker, and the 4-H pledge was led by Jason Carter and David Mahnke.

Greg Bennett, citizenship chairman, gave a report on the naturalization ceremony at superior court in Visalia that he and Bruce Carter had attended in December. He announced that Betty Crocker coupons and newspapers were still needed along with some food can labels.

Project reports were given by Jerry Clark, Julie Collier, Sylvie Corkins, Tim Corkins, Ann Duysen, Brenda Ferrell, Lisa Ferrell, Lorna Gibson, Susan Golden, Luanne Graves, Suzanne Graves, Larry Hammond, Mark Hayden, Terry Hayden, Dan Holloway, and Katherine Homer.

In preparation for the county and regional demonstration days, demonstrations were given by Luanne and Suzanne Graves, Walter Doyel, Machele Brown and Leighann Milford, Merilee Sherwood, and Kit Daybell and Danise Mahnke.

Brent Scranton reported on the Hi 4-H snow party that was held in December and he also told about serving at the coffee stop on Highway 99.

Dawn Hosfeldt gave the results of the club horse show held January 7.

Bill Bennett, student leader of judging, explained different types of judging the members will be doing during the year at the various fairs and shows.

California had 12,324,173 registered motor vehicles in 1971.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**  
The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name:  
**HANDI CAR WASH**  
at 61 West Oak Street, Porterville, California 93257.  
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in County on June 25, 1971.

1. **ROBERT L. ROGERS**  
48 West Mulberry Avenue  
Porterville, California 93257  
2. **JAMES H. FERGUSON**  
1724 North Newcomb  
Porterville, California 93257  
This business was conducted by a general partnership.

Signed James H. Ferguson, General Partner  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Tulare County on December 15, 1972.

d21,28,14,11

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
The following person is doing business as:

**VICCO**  
at 1204 West Olive Avenue, Porterville, California 93257.  
**HICKERSON IRRIGATION AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, a corporation**  
1204 West Olive Avenue, Porterville, California 93257  
This business is conducted by Hickerson Irrigation and Construction Company, a corporation.  
Signed **HOWARD L. HICKERSON**, President.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Tulare County on December 13, 1972.

**CERTIFICATION**  
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.

**JAY C. BAYLESS**  
County Clerk  
By Juanita Bunning, Deputy  
EXPIRES Dec. 31, 1977  
d28,14,11,18

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
The following person is doing business as:

**VILLA INSURANCE**  
at 23 North Villa, Porterville, California.  
**EVERETTE HOWARD NEAL**  
408 Ruma Rancho  
Porterville, California  
This business is conducted by an individual.

Signed Everett Howard Neal  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Tulare County on January 9, 1973.

**CERTIFICATION**  
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.

Dated January 9, 1973  
**JAY C. BAYLESS**  
County Clerk  
By Juanita Bunning, Deputy  
EXPIRES Dec. 31, 1978  
j18,25,11,8

**HILO WATER COMPANY NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

The regular annual meeting of stockholders of the Hilo Water Company will be held Tuesday, February 13, 1973, at the Gamble residence, North Main & Westfield at 7:00 p.m. A board of directors will be elected for the ensuing year, and any other business may be transacted which may properly be presented at that time.

**MARCELLA GAMBLE**, Secretary  
N. Main & Westfield  
Porterville, California  
j18

## DUFFY HAS NEW OFFICE LOCATION ON MOONEY BLVD.

VISALIA — Assemblyman Gordon Duffy has announced the relocation of his Visalia district office to 210 So. Mooney Blvd., Suite A.

The office's services are available to all 21st Assembly District residents who desire information on legislative matters, including copies of current bills, and any matter dealing with state agencies, departments, and functions.

Appointments with Assemblyman Duffy can also be made by contacting the office. The telephone number is 732-4504.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF TULARE No. 22518**

Estate of **GENEVA JOHNSON**, also known as **GENEVA ELIZABETH JOHNSON** and **GENEVA E. JOHNSON**, Deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the law offices of Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk, Attorneys at Law, 141 East Mill Avenue, Porterville, California, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within four months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated January 9, 1973  
**FRANK JOHNSON**  
Executor of the Will of the above named decedent  
Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk  
Attorneys at Law  
141 East Mill Avenue  
Porterville, California 93257  
Telephone: (209) 784-5064  
Attorneys for Executor  
First publication: January 18, 1973  
j18,25,11,8,15

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF TULARE No. 22551**

Estate of **FRED G. WILLIAMS**, Deceased.  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the law office of Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk, Attorneys at Law, 141 East Mill Avenue, Porterville, California 93257, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within four months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated December 18, 1972  
**HELEN R. WILLIAMS**  
Administratrix of the Estate of the above named decedent  
Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk  
Attorneys at Law  
141 East Mill Avenue  
Porterville, California 93257  
Telephone: (209) 784-5064  
Attorneys for Administratrix  
First publication: January 11, 1973  
j11,18,25,11,8

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF TULARE No. 22519**

Estate of **LORA M. KINNEY**, Deceased.  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the law offices of Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk, Attorneys at Law, 141 East Mill Avenue, Porterville, California 93257, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within four months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated January 2, 1973.  
**ANGELINE WORTHLEY GONZALES**  
Administratrix with the Will Annexed of the Estate of the above named decedent  
Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk  
Attorneys at Law  
141 East Mill Avenue  
Porterville, California 93257  
Telephone: (209) 784-5064  
Attorneys for Administratrix  
First publication: January 11, 1973.  
j11,18,25,11,8

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following persons are doing business as:  
**THE SPRINGVILLE INN**  
at 35634 Hwy. 190, Springville, California.

1. **WILLIAM L. JOHNSON**  
Rt. 2, Box 235A  
Springville, Calif. 93265  
2. **MAXINE C. JOHNSON**  
Rt. 2, Box 235A  
Springville, Calif. 93265

This business is conducted by William L. & Maxine C. Johnson  
Signed William L. Johnson  
Maxine C. Johnson

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Tulare County on December 27, 1972.

**CERTIFICATION**  
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.

**JAY C. BAYLESS**  
County Clerk  
By Yolanda I. Rodriguez, Deputy  
EXPIRES 12-31-77  
j4,11,18,25

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15035.5 of the Corporations Code of the State of California, notice is hereby given that the General Partnership composed of **EVERETTE H. NEAL**, 408 Ruma Rancho, Porterville, California, and **LEWIS L. JOHNSON**, 323 East Vandalia Avenue, Porterville, California, heretofore engaged in business under the firm name "EVERETTE NEAL INSURANCE AGENCY" at 23 North Villa, Porterville, California, was dissolved as of midnight December 31, 1972; and that after said dissolution no person had authority to incur obligations for said General Partnership.

Dated: January 5, 1973.  
**EVERETTE NEAL INSURANCE AGENCY**, A General Partnership  
By **EVERETTE H. NEAL**, General Partner  
By **LEWIS L. JOHNSON**, General Partner  
Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk  
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## We Only Heard

BY BILL RODGERS

HOT ITEM on the local scene this week is a report from Sacramento that the Porterville State hospital is included in a phasing out program contemplated by Governor Ronald Reagan and other state officials, and that the ax will fall in from five to 10 years. This announcement has triggered great activity like rushing around, contacting politicians, crying havoc, developing pressure campaigns through letter writing by parents of hospital patients, and propagandizing of the public through the various news media. And not just in Porterville, but in every California community that has a state facility listed for phase out. Which is a natural reaction... But let's not panic. There will be at least one more state administration before Porterville hospital phase-out time and who knows, instead of being phased out, the hospital might be enlarged. That's the way it sometimes goes in politics... There is logical reason for continuing the Porterville hospital, based on what was enlightened reasoning some 20 years ago, namely and to wit: This facility would result in a better way of life for the mentally retarded, many of whom were kept hidden by their families often with less than adequate care; and a really revolutionary concept - instead of putting the mentally retarded in an institution and forgetting them, the Porterville facility would provide training through which some of the patients would be able to develop an ability to "move back into the community" and do some kind of work to at least partially support themselves. Here in Porterville we have seen this program work out satisfactorily... When state officials talk about phasing out mental hospitals and putting all patients back into the community, they overlook the fact that a large percentage of patients such as those in the Porterville State hospital simply do not have the capacity to "go back into their communities" unless communities supply a small medical facility that handles the present functions of the state hospital. From a financial standpoint and from a personnel standpoint, it would seem impractical and extremely expensive to replace a facility like the Porterville State hospital with a series of community facilities. And if mental patients are dumped out of the state hospitals, it is likely that many of them will end up either in the situation that 20 years ago was called deplorable - hidden and shunned by their own families... or taken care of through a new great, sprawling, subsidized and expensive state system... So let's not panic. Let's present accurate facts to our legislative

special areas of solicitation, with Corwin planning a concentrated, fast-moving membership effort.

Training sessions for YMCA solicitors are scheduled at two breakfast meetings, January 24 and 26, both at 7:15 a.m. in the Southern California Edison company's living center; Edison company home economists will prepare the breakfast menus.

Membership kickoff meeting has been set for the morning of February 1, with contact cards to be given out and final instructions presented; time and place for this meeting will be announced.

"Everyone is invited to join the YMCA and to participate in its character-building programs for young people in which strong emphasis is placed on family relationship," Corwin says.

He explained that membership contributions can be in any amount, or can be pledged on a monthly basis. A \$10 or more contribution provides a voting membership, with the holder eligible to participate as a "stockholder" in the YMCA program.

"These stockholders select by vote the members of the Porterville Committee of Management who actually plan the "Y" program," Corwin says.

Serving now on this management committee are: Ronald Bessey, chairman; John Bussey, vice chairman; Robert Matzke, secretary; Mrs. David Sarr, treasurer; and Frank Bartlett, Joe Bergfalk, David Gallego, Anna White Garland, David Itzenhauser, the Rev. Ray Kjeldahl, Dr. William Propp, Neil Smith, John Stover, Jack Egorov Jr., Bray, and Hatfield.

Serving on the Tulare County YMCA board from the Porterville area are: Dr. Propp, Bussey, Bessey, Bray and Matzke.

Membership campaigns will be conducted in all communities associated with the County YMCA during February - Dinuba, Tulare, Lindsay-Strathmore, Exeter and Cutler-Orosi. Visalia is not included.

The Tulare County YMCA

## My Neighbors



representatives. If we do, the Porterville State hospital is likely to be in business for many years to come.

## "Y" Campaign

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office is located in Porterville at 747 No. Sunnyside avenue; telephone is 784-8192; Bill Schramm is general manager of the Tulare County YMCA.

The American Cancer society invites local residents to contact its local office for leaflets pertaining to the various cancer sites.

Last of California's water fowl hunting seasons will close at sunset, January 20.

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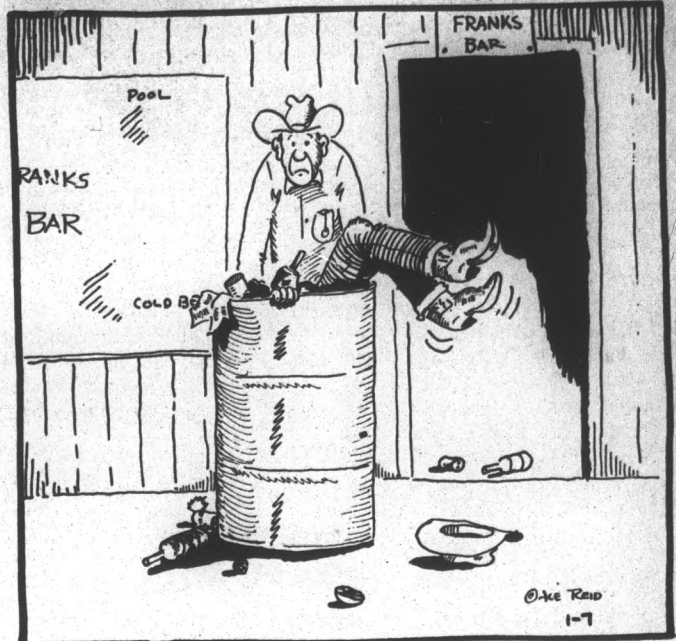
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## COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"All I said in there wuz everybody has a right to his own opinion!"

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30 - Blood Bank, Elks, 3:30-6:30 p.m.	7 - Jackass Mail Run
30 - Merchants' Seminar, OS&H Act	14-15 - Springville-Sierra Rodeo
FEBRUARY	MAY
1 - Kickoff, YMCA Membership Drive	17-18-19 - Porterville Fair
1 - Valley Prune Day, Ag. Bldg. Visalia	JUNE
3 - Porterville Chamber Banquet	22-23 - National Decathlon Championship
4 - Springville Lions Ham Dinner	
10 - VFW Birthday Dinner	
13-14-15 - California Farm Equipment Show, Tulare	
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24 - City of Hope Spectacular	

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## Betty Gill Receives Gift

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CowBelles have a continuing program of distributing recipes that use beef; promoting consumer education; presenting information to school groups; and printing place mats for restaurant and banquet use.

## Yankee Lineup

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is now 20 years old and weighs in at 190 pounds, was a three-sports varsity letterman - football, basketball and baseball - playing as a running back against the Porterville High school football powerhouse team led by Steve Brown.

"We lost that year," he says, "but in 1971 we won the league title."

Williams could have continued on in school with an athletic scholarship but chose to sign a bonus contract with the Yankees.

"I always dreamed of playing professional baseball," he says, "so when the chance came, I took it."

As for the future, Williams, of course, has his sights set on an outfield spot in the Yankee lineup, but later he wants to continue his education to qualify himself for youth work, possibly in the probation field.

Williams was born and raised in Tulare; his father, John Williams Sr. works for the City of Tulare.

## City Of Hope

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costume. Audition sheets can be picked up at the Porterville chamber of commerce office, 36 West Cleveland; sheets must be completed and turned in at the auditorium the night of the audition.

Acts selected following the audition will join the regular cast of the Spectacular; performers must attend a dress rehearsal the night of February 23; the Spectacular will be staged February 24.

Heading up the Porterville City of Hope Auxiliary this year is the man who originally founded the Auxiliary in Porterville, John Herrell.

## Wanted - Queen

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a chance to compete either for the Miss Rodeo California title at the Grand National Livestock show in the San Francisco Cow Palace, or for California Rodeo Sweetheart, at Salinas.

Attendants will receive trophies and a rose bouquet; trophies will also go to the winners in horsemanship and in personality.

All contestants will be backed by a sponsoring organization, either an organization they have themselves provided, or one that will be assigned to them by the rodeo queen committee.

Girls interested in entering the queen contest should contact Mrs. Baker or Mrs. Peterson, telephone 784-2286 or 784-6146. Information and entry forms can also be obtained by writing to Mrs. Baker at 32187 Indian Reservation road, Porterville, Ca. 93257.

Deadline for entering the contest is February 4.

Concerning competition by the Springville-Sierra rodeo queen at the Cow Palace or at Salinas, Mrs. Baker says that Salinas competition is limited to girls who are high school seniors; competition at the Cow Palace has 18-21 year age limits, with winner in this contest to represent California in the annual Miss Rodeo America contest.

## "PULL DATE" STAMPED ON DAIRY PRODUCTS

SACRAMENTO — Mandatory coding of the "pull date" in easily-understood words, will soon appear on all milk, buttermilk and cottage cheese cartons sold in California markets. The pull date is the deadline date that a carton can be left on market shelves.



SANDRA SHANNON, left, newly-installed president of the Tulare County CowBelles, receives a president's pin from outgoing president, Mrs. Betty

Gill; then Mrs. Gill receives a Redwood carving from Mrs. Buford Reamer, CowBelle director, in appreciation for her work during her two years as

president of the organization. The carving was done by Willard Choate, of Springville.

(Farm Tribune photos)

## Candidates Invited

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shoes; be in excellent health; be able to meet people and speak in front of an audience; and be willing to serve as a goodwill ambassador for the cotton industry throughout California.

Personality and appearance will be considered; candidates must appear before a judging committee - not an audience - in a bathing suit; all candidates must have been born in a cotton-producing state or county.

Serving as Tulare County Maid of Cotton during the past year has been Davalynn Chamberlain, of Porterville, now a student at Oral Roberts university in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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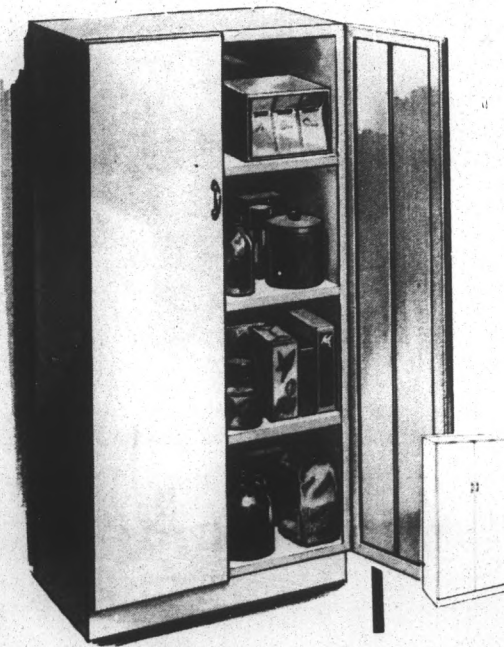
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